(b) Funds for financing core infrastructure projects

(i) LA for Perimeter Expressway and four directional terminals.	800	
(ii) Regional Rapid Transit system	360	
(iii) Underground Metro network	725	Rs. 1885 cr.
	Total	Rs. 2035 cr.

Supply of Leaking Cylinders to Consumers

3844. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state.

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that LPG cylinders being delivered to the consumers by most of the oil companies have leakage problem;

(b) if so, whether it is due to refilling of LPG in old cylinders; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government to ensure that leaking cylinders are not delivered to consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Pre-delivery checks are conducted at both the Distributors Godowns as well as the customers premises to ensure that only sound cylinders are delivered to consumers. However, during the usage of cylinder, if a leakage develops, immediate remedial measures are taken.

(b) It is not true that the leakages occur due to LPG being filled in old cylinders. All cylinders in circulation are hydro-tested once in 5 years to ensure their fitness for use.

(c) The following checks and measures are in vogue to ensure that only sound cylinders are delivered to consumers:—

(i) At the bottling plants, each cylinder after filling, is passed through CVT test to check for valve/"O" ring defects and water-bath test to detect any leakages from the bung or the body.

(ii) Damaged or highly mutilated cylinders are put out of circulation and are crushed under supervision to prevent misuse.

(iii) As stated in "a" above predelivery checks are conducted to ensure that the cylinders delivered are not leaky.

Planning Commission's Objective of Utilization of Natural Resources

*3845 SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has a new objective of optimal utilisation of natural resources;

(b) if so, what directions have been given to the States to achieve this objective; and

(c) the details of steps being taken by Government to achieve optimal utilisation of natural resources in all the Sectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER ALAGH): (a) to (c) The Planning Commission has recognised that the basic resource endowments, i.e., the sources of energy, land, water and other essential minerals, environment and ecology are vital elements in the determination of the potential for the growth and comparative advantage. The plan documents dealing with the development perspective spell out the general details on natural resources.

It is imperative that the processes which economise most on the use of energy and avoids wastage of raw materials are to be adopted.